

us: In pursuance whereof, the Legislature of this Province, when under the more immediate Government of the Crown, (*to wit*) in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Four, thought fit, by an Act then made to oblige all Persons who then had, or thereafter should have any Office or Place of Trust within this Province, to take the Oath, commonly called, the Oath of Abjuration; and for that the several Oaths directed to be taken by the Act made in the First Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for the Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown, &c. are by this present General Assembly thought equally necessary.

III. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That the following Oaths shall be administered to, and taken by, all Persons that already have, or hereafter shall be admitted to have or enjoy, any Office or Place of Trust within this Province, in Manner following,

" I A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, That I will be faithful, and bear true Allegiance to his Majesty King GEORGE. So help me GOD." All Persons admitted to any Office, &c. shall take the following Oaths, viz.

" I A. B. do swear, That I do from my Heart abhor, detest and abjure, as impious and heretical, that Damnable Doctrine and Position, That Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do declare, That no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have, any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Pre-eminence, or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within the Kingdom of Great-Britain, or any the Dominions thereto belonging. So help me GOD." Of Allegiance: Of Abhorrence:

" I A. B. do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare in my Conscience, before GOD and the World, That our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, is lawful and rightfully King of the Realm of Great-Britain, and all other the Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging. And I do solemnly and sincerely declare, That I do believe in my Conscience, that the Person pretended to be Prince of Wales, during the Life of the late King James, and since his Decease, pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of England, by the Name of James the Third, or of Scotland by the Name of James the Eighth, or the Stile and Title of King of Great-Britain, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of the Realm of Great-Britain, or any other the Dominions thereto belonging. And I do renounce, refuse and abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And I do swear, That I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty King GEORGE, and him will defend to the utmost of my Power, against all traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity; and I will do my utmost Endeavour to disclose and make known to his Majesty, and his Successors, all Treasons and traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against him, or any of them. And I do faithfully promise, to the utmost of my Power, to support, maintain and defend, the Succession of the Crown against him the said James, and all other Persons whatsoever; which Succession, by an Act, entitled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress and Dutches Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs of her Body, being Protestants. And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation, and Promise, heartily, willingly and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian. So help me GOD." Of Abjuration.